# **Navigating the 2007 Report Card**

The Tennessee Department of Education has redesigned the layout and appearance of the Report Card to allow educators, parents, and community members easier access to the information they need about schools across Tennessee.

The 2007 Report Card can be navigated entirely with seven easy-to-read tabs at the top of each page. The tabs allow users to quickly access the exact data they are seeking about the state, an individual school district, or just a single school. To view an individual school, choose the school system first- then choose your school.

Explanation of Seven Navigation Tabs:

## **Profile**

The Profile section includes demographic data such as number of students, schools, teachers, and administrators. You will also find student demographics broken down by ethnicity, gender, economically disadvantaged, special education, and limited English proficient. This section also contains the average per pupil expenditure information broken down by state, local, and federal funds.

## NCLB (AYP)

Here you will find a chart showing which benchmarks under No Child Left Behind were met for the 2006-2007 school year. A Green '+' is the symbol for meeting the goal; a red 'X' is the symbol for missing the goal. New this year is an additional link below this chart that reads 'AYP Details Supporting this Summary'. This link jumps to the exact data (test results, graduation rates, etc.) used to determine whether the benchmark was met or missed.

#### Achievement

The Achievement tab provides all of the test score data for the state, system or school. This includes test scores for all subject areas and the average ACT score. To view test score data broken down by ethnicity or sub group, click on the 'Additional Academic Achievement Data' link in the center of the page. You will be able to select the exact grade and subject area test that you would like to view results for.

## Value-Added (TVAAS)

Value-Added data is a measurement of teacher effectiveness on student learning over the course of a single school year. Tennessee's assessments track children from year to year to measure if they have learned a full year's worth of material since the last test.

## **Attendance and Graduation**

This tab provides attendance and promotion data for elementary schools. For high schools, you will find the graduation rate, dropout rates, and attendance and completion rates. An '\*\*\*' in place of a score indicates a district is working with the department to finalize the data.

# **Discipline**

This tab provides information on the number of suspensions and expulsions of students and is also provided by gender and by ethnicity.

## **Teacher**

The Teacher tab provides information on highly qualified teachers in Tennessee, as defined by No Child Left Behind, and statistics about the educational attainment of teachers. This tab also details waivers and permits by subject area.

## **COMING SOON:**

Later this fall, the state Department of Education will add two additional data tabs to the Report Card: Career and Technical Education and Special Education.